

REMARKS

Claims 8-43 were pending. Of these, claims 8-29 and 40-43 are allowed, while claims 30-39 were rejected. The Applicants have cancelled claims 30-39, amended claims 19, 42 and 43 and added new claims 44-47. Therefore, claims 8-29 and 40-47 are presently pending. The Applicants request further consideration and re-examination in view of the amendments above and remarks set forth below.

Amendments to the Allowed Claims:

Claim 19 is amended to correct a minor informality. Claim 42 is amended to improve its consistency with claim 40 from which it depends. Claim 43 is amended to improve its consistency with claim 40 from which it depends and to improve its clarity.

Claim Rejections:

Claims 30-39 were rejected in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0044627 to Russell et al. The Applicants have cancelled claims 30-39. The Applicants do not thereby admit the rejection.


New Claims:

New dependent claims 44-47 are added. Claim 44 recites limitations comparable to those of original claim 22. Claim 45 recites limitations comparable to those of original claim 23. Claim 46 recites limitations comparable to those of original claim 24. Claim 47 recites limitations comparable to those of original claim 27. No new matter has been entered. Claims 44-47 are allowable at least because they are dependent from allowed base claim 40.

In view of the above, the Applicants submit that all of the pending claims are now allowable. Allowance at an early date would be greatly appreciated. Should any outstanding issues remain, the examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (408) 293-9000 so that any such issues can be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully Submitted,

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